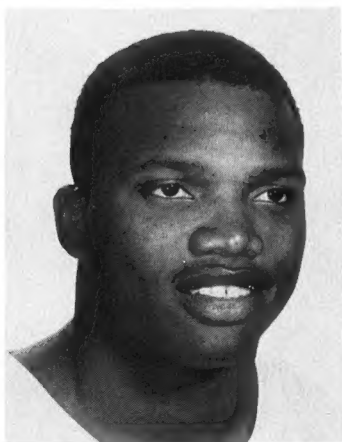


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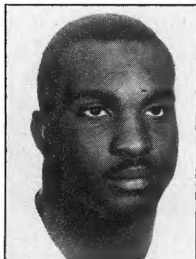
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Leroy Hoard 33 — Running Back



5'-11", 230 lbs., 3rd Year
Michigan
St. Augustine (New Orleans, La.) H.S.
Born: May 5, 1968
New Orleans, La.
Draft 2, 1990

PRO: Leroy blossomed into a big-play scoring threat last season, leading the team and tying for third in the AFC with 11 TDs . . . his nine receiving TDs were the second-most by a running back in NFL history and snapped a team mark . . . Last season, Leroy had a knack for turning dump passes — especially after protection had broken down — into big plays . . . Strong, hard runner who gained valuable playing time as a 22-year-old rookie . . . Cleveland selected Hoard with its first selection in the 1990 draft (second round, 45th overall) . . . Was the 12th running back picked in the '90 draft, and fourth out of the Big 10 . . . Was the first Michigan player selected in the draft . . . Was a fourth-year junior.

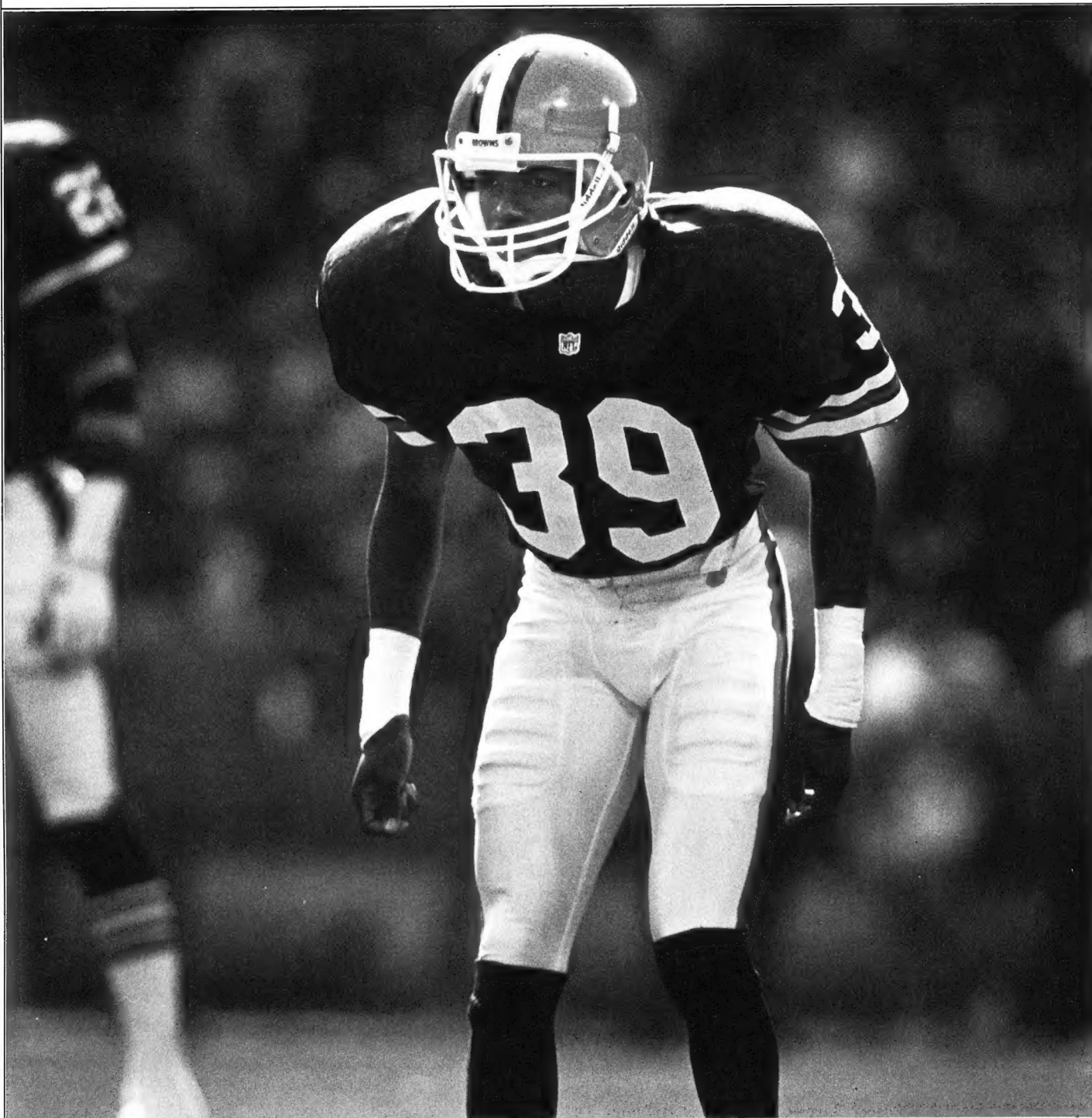
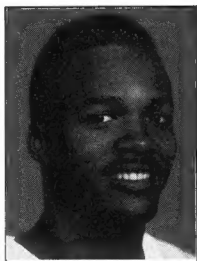


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Randy Hilliard 39 — Cornerback



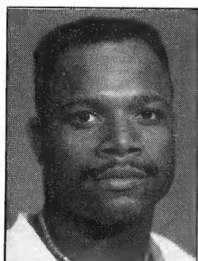
5'-11", 160 lbs., 3rd Year
Northwestern State
East Jefferson (Metairie, La.)
Born: June 2, 1967
Metairie, La.
Draft 6, 1990

PRO: Speedster in secondary who stepped into starting role last year after injuries sent starters down . . . One-to-one coverage corner with 4.3 speed . . . Had two tackles and one pass defended against Indianapolis . . . Started 10 of 14 games last year and recorded 59 tackles (seventh on team), two QB sacks, nine passes defended (third on team), caused and recorded a fumble and had a 19-yard interception . . . Recorded first two career sacks last season vs. New England in 20-0 win . . . Originally a sixth round draft choice in 1990 . . . First player ever chosen by the Browns from Northwestern State . . . Returned three of his 10 career interceptions in college for touchdowns.



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Randy Baldwin 23 — Running Back



5'-10", 210 lbs., 2nd Year
Mississippi
Griffin (Ga.) H.S.
Born: August 19, 1967
Griffin, Ga.
Free Agent, 1991

PRO: A fourth round draft pick in '91 by the Vikings, who the Browns claimed off Minnesota's practice squad (11/13) . . . Baldwin was the 11th running back (9th halfback) and the 92nd player selected in the 1991 college draft.

This Newsome is Named Vince

By Frank Derry

For the past 15 years, the name Newsome has been synonymous with the Cleveland Browns.

For the first 13 of those seasons, Ozzie Newsome wore the name with pride, dignity and class. When 'The Wiz' put the finishing touches on his Hall of Fame career in 1990, Vince Newsome stepped forward to fill the name void.

Vince Newsome, now 31-years-old, came to the Browns as a Plan B acquisition from the Los Angeles Rams prior to the 1991 season. He went on to lead the Browns in tackles last year with 127 from his safety position. He also recovered four fumbles, just one shy of the team record.

Despite his own success on the field, hardly a day goes by that someone doesn't confuse him with Ozzie. But Vince isn't complaining. In fact, he sometimes gets a kick out of being mistaken for one of the Browns' all-time greats.

Vince, who displays the same type of pride, dignity and class as does his namesake, said with a grin, "It doesn't matter where I go in Cleveland, whenever someone hears my last name and they know I'm with the Browns, it's always, 'Hey, Ozzie, how's it going?' When I correct them, they'll say, 'Oh, I didn't know.'"

"Even my daughter, when she goes to school, it's always, 'Oh, Ozzie's your father!'"

"To tell you the truth, I'm kind of glad when they do confuse me with Ozzie. He is going to be a Hall-of-Famer. He's done a lot of great things in Cleveland."

But Ozzie was part of the old Browns era and Vince is doing his best to help the team establish a new identity under second-year coach Bill Belichick.

"This team has done a full turn (under Belichick)," Vince Newsome said. "We can't rely on the Minnifield-Dixon era, just like players in Pittsburgh couldn't live off the Steel Curtain era of the 1970s. When you try to live off someone else's success, you usually die. I don't think anybody here is trying to do that."

But Newsome is realistic enough to know the transition will not come overnight. "Anybody who expects that has to be kidding himself," he said. "Just look at the coaching staff. They are trying to bring in their own people to establish their own look. They are not relying on what (Marty) Schottenheimer did, or what (Sam) Rutigliano did. They are relying upon what Bill Belichick knows and they are going to bring in personnel to fit his style."

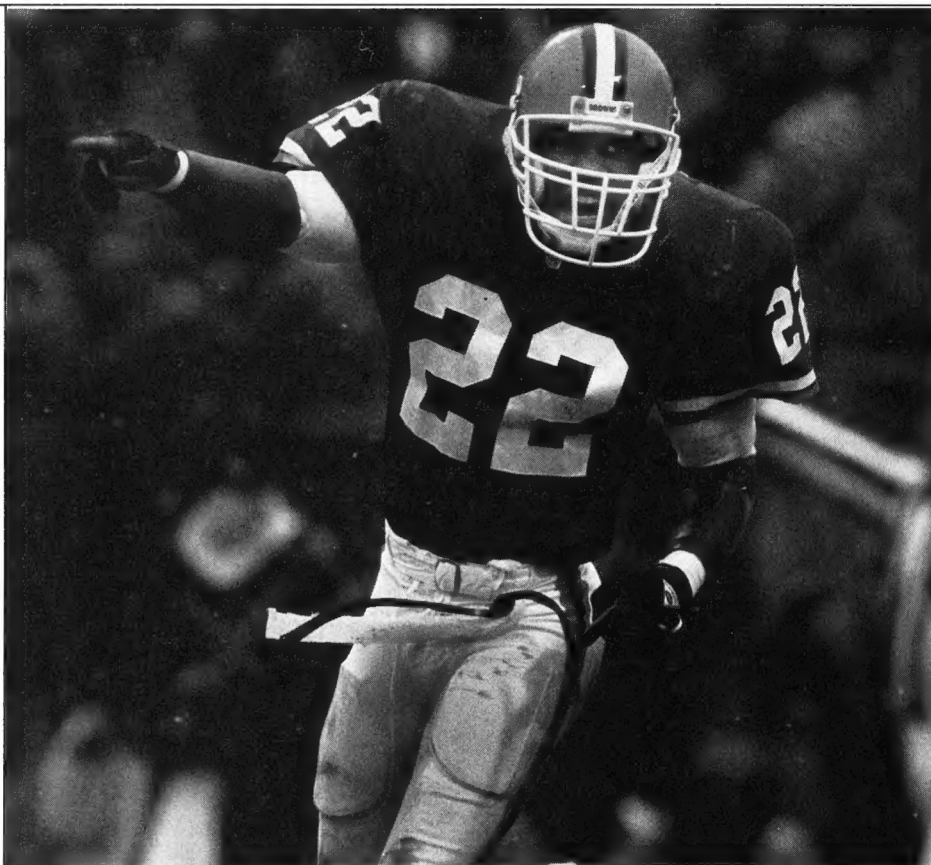


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■ Vince Newsome

Newsome was one of the first players Belichick brought in last year. Shortly thereafter, the Browns drafted Eric Turner in the first round and quickly they became the starters at safety. Unfortunately, Turner missed the first half of last season due to a stress fracture in his leg.

Once Turner returned, the Newsome-Turner combination became quite formidable. The experience they gained last season has carried right into this campaign.

"We are real comfortable with each other," Newsome said, "It's gotten to the point where we don't even have to look at each other to know what the other one is doing. We have a feel for each other. This allows us to disguise our defense better. The less conspicuous we are in communicating, the better off we are."

In the 1980s, Browns' defensive backs were known as the 'Dawgs.' But that was another era. The 1992 version is out to establish its own identity.

"There is no barking," Newsome said. "I used to watch the 'Dawgs' when I was in L.A., but that's not me. I wouldn't come here and try to fake it. I do what works for me and that's the same with Eric."

"We are both from California, so we bring a little 'California Ball' here. That doesn't necessarily make it bad or good, but rather it's just a different attitude."

Don't think for a minute that 'California Ball' means being laid back and passive. "We play just as hard or harder than anyone else and we are going to prove it," Newsome predicted.

If that indeed proves to be the case, then it's likely that in the not-too-distant future, when Ozzie Newsome runs into Browns' fans, they'll ask, "Hey, Vince, how you doing?"

And, knowing Ozzie, he'll smile and say, "Just fine, thank you," taking a great deal of pride in knowing his namesake is carrying on a fine tradition. ■

Gary Tranquill

Gary Tranquill talks to the coaches in the roof booth via headset.

GARY TRANQUILL, Quarterbacks:

Born April 13, 1940, Avelle Pa., 30th Year Coaching, Wittenberg

College Coach:

1963-69 (Wittenberg); 1970 (Ball State); 1971-72 (Bowling Green); 1973-76 (Navy); 1977-78 (Ohio State); 1979-81 (West Virginia); 1982-86 (Navy); 1987-90 (Virginia).

Pro Coach:

1991-92 (Browns)

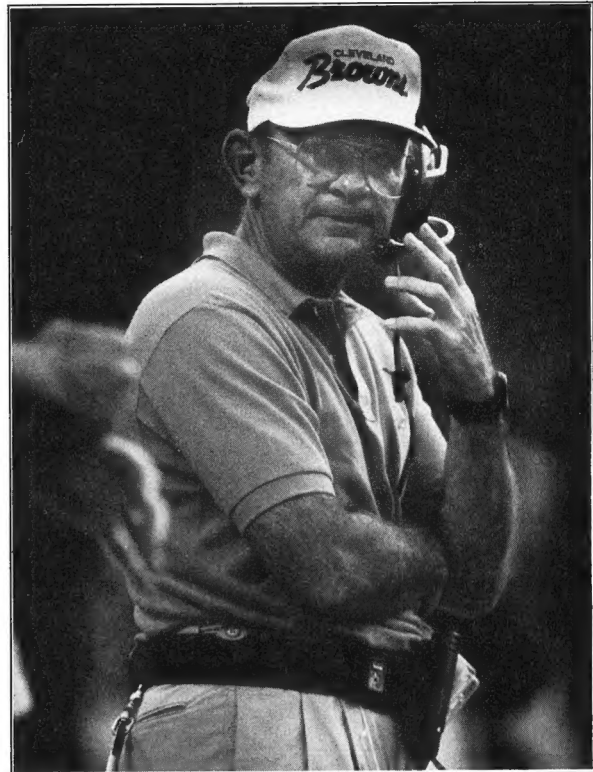


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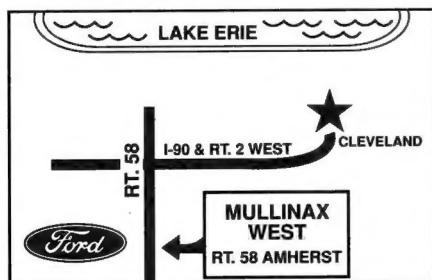
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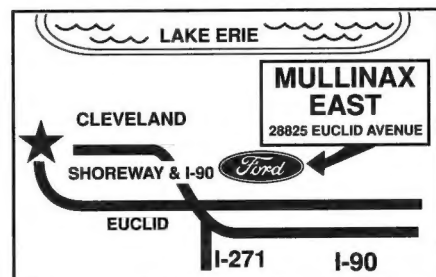
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WELCOME TO CLEVELAND STADIUM . . . The Cleveland Browns extend a warm welcome to all fans attending today's game versus the Denver Broncos at Cleveland Stadium.

THE SERIES: The Browns have won two of their last three regular season clashes with the Broncos, who won the last meeting, 17-7, at Cleveland on 12/8/91. The Browns are 2-5 at home and 3-5 away vs. the Broncos in regular season action. Last Browns' win in the series was 10/8/90 when Jerry Kauric kicked a 30-yard field goal as time ran out for a 30-29 decision at Denver in a nationally televised (ABC-TV) Monday night game. The win was Cleveland's first over Denver in Mile High Stadium since 1972. The last Browns' win over the Broncos at Cleveland Stadium occurred on 10/1/89, a 16-13 triumph as Matt Bahr's 48-yard field goal came as time expired.

(Dennis) Smith and Steve Atwater. They really shut us down last December. On the other side of the ball, they have John Elway and a strong group around him. The obvious with John is that he can make big plays out of broken plays. That's where he really hurts you. You pick the right defense, and he runs around until he finds something that works. You can play him a lot of different ways and we'll probably try all of them . . . It's good to have this game at the Stadium. Our crowd really helped us in the fourth quarter of the Dolphin game. I'm glad we'll have a full house."

RADIO WAVES . . . Today's game can be heard on WHK-AM (1420) and WMMS-FM (100.7), flagship stations for the largest radio network (54 stations) in Browns' history. The Browns salute all the members of their radio network—in Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Kentucky. Eight-year veterans Nev Chandler (calls the action) and former Browns' offensive tackle Doug Dieken (adds color) are the Browns' radio team.

LOCAL TV: Today's soldout game can be seen on WKYC-TV (Ch. 3).

SIDELINED: When the Browns played the Raiders last Sunday at the Los Angeles Coliseum, they did so without four important veterans (QB-Bernie Kosar, FB-Kevin Mack, CB-Frank Minnifield and DT-Michael Dean Perry), who have had a lot to do with Browns' success over the years. Kosar is on injured reserve with a fractured ankle and is expected to miss at least six weeks. Kosar, who's made the Pro Bowl, quarterbacked the Browns to the playoffs in each of his first five seasons (1985-89). Mack, another former Pro Bowler, is on injured reserve with a pulled calf muscle and is eligible to return to the roster after the Bronco game. Minnifield, a three-time Pro Bowler, has been sidelined with a urinary disorder since the middle of training camp. "Mighty Minni" is eligible to return to the roster next week. Three-time Pro Bowl starter Perry has missed

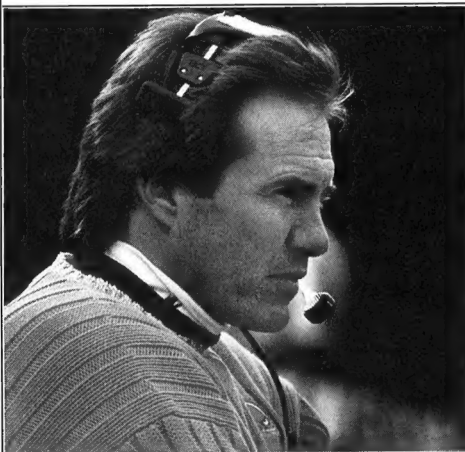


■ Jim Mueller anchors "Browns Insider with Bill Belichick."

the last two games with a knee strain. Perry did not participate in training camp after surgery on his knee just prior to the start of the summer session and then hurt his knee again in the season opener at Indianapolis . . . Also missing is WR-Webster Slaughter, who is holding out, and second round choice Patrick Rowe, who was winning a starting wideout spot before ending his season with a knee injury (vs. the Minnesota Vikings in the Aug. 24 preseason game). Against the Raiders, the Browns dressed just 11 players who were on the team in 1990.

BROWNS' INSIDER WITH BILL BELICHICK

. . . This Emmy-Award winning show can be seen every Wednesday at 10 p.m. on WOIO-TV (Fox-19) starting Sept. 2. The show will be repeated on Sundays at 11 a.m. . . . Hosted by Jim Mueller, this primetime Browns' produced show provides in-depth features on the behind-the-scenes activities of Browns' players and coaches. The show has been nominated for "Outstanding Achievement in Sports Programming" for each of the last two years by the Cleveland Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences . . . Join Head Coach Bill Belichick, Jim Mueller and Jacqui Bishop every Wednesday at 10 p.m. ■



■ Bill Belichick

BILL SAYS: "Being consistent, having continuity, is tough right now, because we've had to make lineup changes in a number of spots. On the other hand, we've had players step up and help. I'm happy for and proud of the players. It's gratifying to see their hard work pay off. I'm proud of the way we played in L.A. and, really, the second half of the Dolphins' game. The players showed a lot of pride and toughness. Not a lot of people gave us a chance to go to the west coast and win, especially coming off a Monday night game, playing without Bernie (Kosar) and Michael Dean (Perry) and some others . . . It's the first win of the season and it's a big one, but I don't think any game this early in the season is make or break. It's good, though, that we didn't get ourselves into a bigger hole in the division."

ON DENVER: "Most people agreed that Denver had the best defense in the AFC last season and it's still a real strength of that team. You look over their defense and you see a lot of players who have gone to Pro Bowls — (Karl) Mecklenburg, (Simon) Fletcher, (Greg) Kragen,



■ Today's game with the Broncos will be on NBC. Marv Albert (left) will handle the play-by-play and Bill Parcells will offer color commentary.